

Not Labor But Lawlessness

Chicago's resistance to lawlessness must not be mistaken for antagonism to labor. Labor is not interested in lawlessness. Those who resort to lawlessness are enemies of labor whether they belong to labor organizations or are connected with big business. The masses stand between the misguided laborer who resorts to torch and bomb and the conscienceless representative of big business who ignores the law. They do not sympathize with either side but denounce both as a menace to society. Neither extreme can find excuse for crime in the crimes of those of the other extreme.

Our government is not a government by class, either by the labor class or the capitalist class; it is a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." The people must stand solidly for obedience to law and must make laws that are just so as to reduce to a minimum those who resort to violence. Force can be employed by the government and by the government alone. Let every grievance be brought before the bar of the public conscience and find its remedy in the nation's sense of justice. This is democracy. Democracy stands for government and for enforcement of law.

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CHILD LABOR

The Supreme Court has nullified the effort of Congress to protect children through a national Child Labor Law. It has been hailed as a victory for state rights but it is no such thing; it is a victory for capitalism whose greed coins the blood of little children into larger dividends. The Child Labor Law did not attempt to interfere with the states' regulations of its own affairs; it simply endeavored to secure to each state the right to guard the welfare of its own children by protecting them from the conditions in other states in which less regard is paid to child welfare. But reformers need not be discouraged. This is not the first time the Supreme Court lagged behind public opinion; but it catches up in time, for even that august body at last becomes responsive to public sentiment. As Dooley put it, "The Supreme Court follows the election returns" and the election returns ultimately put the seal of public approval upon reforms.

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LADY ASTOR

Lady Astor returns to London after a very pleasant visit to the United States. She delighted her hearers everywhere because she talked common sense and did it in a sensible way. She is a Virginia gentlewoman still—European society has not spoiled her. Her parting words will be found on another page. Our nation is fortunate to have such a defender in parliament.

MAKES BOTH SIDES MAD

Conan Doyle certainly missed it when he said that in the spirit world those who are passing through the earlier stages will have intoxicating liquors if they want it. He has made both sides mad. The dries will object to the saloon even for the beginners and the wets will object to any time limit being placed upon their appetites. Doyle will have to guess again.

TARIFF INCREASES

It looks now as if the Republicans would yield, as on former occasions, to the greed of the tariff barons and boost prices on all the important manufactured products for the benefit of the protected interests. The Democrats will, of course, do what they can to protect the public but the Republicans have so large a majority that they will probably be able to put through such a scheme, however nefarious. But wait until the ides of November and then the people will have a chance to make a reply.

The farmers who are down to bed rock and the laborers whose wages are falling will not be in a mood to approve increased prices on what they buy. The people are patient—sometimes over-patient—but they can accomplish a great deal on election day when their wrath is once aroused. If prices, raised by a protective tariff, will not arouse them, what will?

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HIGH PRICES FORESHADOWED

Higher prices are foreshadowed as the effects of a higher tariff. The dealers are boosting prices in anticipation of the rise that always follows higher import goods. A large cotton manufacturer explains why his rates should be increased in some cases as high as two hundred per cent and the merchants are quick to advance the price of stocks on hand in anticipation of the high prices that will follow the tariff law. The New York World in a recent issue reports an average increase of two dollars a suit on clothing due to recent advance in the price of wools. Wool, it is said, has more than doubled in price in the last year "as the result of the emergency tariff which has practically raised an embargo against raw wool." The American Woolen company has announced a second advance in its fabrics, the increase being from five to fifty-five per cent on staple wool.

In the face of increased prices big business is insisting on lowering wages. What chance is there for the average man if his income is to go down while his living expenses go up? If the Republican leaders continue blind to the injustice of the policy they are encouraging, they may have a surprise this fall when they ask for a vote of confidence. It may be a solemn referendum.

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LOWER RAILROAD RATES

The Interstate Commerce Commission has acted in the public's interest in reducing railroad rates and it is not at all certain that the lowering of rates will decrease the revenue of the roads. Rates were raised so high as to discourage traffic and it is entirely possible that a reduction of rates will, by increasing shipments, actually produce more than the high rates produced. In any case, it will be an advantage to the public now. If the wholesalers and retailers will give the consumer the benefit of the reduction the cut will mean a step forward toward "normalcy."

But with the profiteers charging all the public will bear it is possible that the reduction will be absorbed in increased profits for the middle-men. If so, it may arouse the public to the importance of dealing with the profiteers. So far, the Republican leaders have been under the control of the predatory interests to such an extent that they have given the public no relief from the greed of the exploiters.

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SAME OLD STORY

The British brewers are playing the same old game that they played so long in this country. See the following:

"London, May 17.—The brewing of beer is one of the chief buttresses in Britain's financial solvency, according to H. E. Field, president of the Institute of Brewing. Prohibition, he added, in the course of an address on this subject, would undoubtedly spell the financial and economic ruin of the country."

They slander Great Britain as they used to slander the United States. No country can be benefited by brewing.

EVOLUTION AT THE BAR

Philip Mauro, of Framingham, Mass., a prominent member of the bar, has written a little book—published by Hamilton Brothers, 120 Tremont Street, Boston—entitled "Evolution at the Bar." He takes up the philosophy of materialism and shows that the whole theory of evolution is a "baseless myth" and in the light of Holy Scriptures a "strong delusion." His reasoning is clear and concise: his facts are convincing. Price 75 cents.

LIBELLING THE CLERGY

The Presbyterian General Assembly has acted wisely in protesting against moving pictures that libel the clergy. But the moving pictures do not injure the standing of the clergy as much as the teachers of evolution do when they put a professor above a preacher. The preacher deals with the heart, out of which are the issues of life.

David Lawrence, the Washington correspondent, reports that members of congress are tired of so much talk, and are now determined to have more action. It has been difficult at to have more action. It has been difficult at to distinguish between exhaustive discussions and exhausting debate, but Mr. Lawrence must not expect the remainder of the country to be as optimistic as he discloses himself to be.

Our Nation's Duty

On another page will be found Lloyd George's speech at Genoa. Can the United States be indifferent to its duty in this great crisis? Our nation ought to be represented at the next meeting; it should act as an adviser without being bound by any action taken by the European powers. But its duty goes beyond advice. We are holding claims against the allies to the extent of eleven billion dollars. These debts will never be paid, but while they stand they will excuse the allies for pressing their claim for indemnities. Why not use the claims to secure universal disarmament? Why not say to Europe: Get together and divide up the eleven billion debt in such a way as to permit universal disarmament and we will cancel the entire debt?

To cancel the debt WITHOUT disarmament would add to the probabilities of another war, but CANCELLATION CONDITIONED ON DISARMAMENT would do more than any other one thing to bring peace to the world.

We could not lose anything by such a policy because we would soon save the amount in lessened appropriations for our army and navy. But even if we saved nothing instead of saving twice (using a debt that is worthless to reduce our expenses for army and navy) we can better afford to spend eleven billions to secure peace by disarmament than we could afford to spend three times that sum in an unsuccessful effort to secure world peace by war. Now is the time to act.

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THE SANITY LEAGUE

An organization known as The Sanity League has been formed to fight for the repeal of the Volstead law. Its national headquarters are in San Francisco, but it is opening up state headquarters in the various commonwealths (Florida headquarters are "opposite the post office").

Its literature states that it is impossible to repeal the Eighteenth amendment because that would require two-thirds of both houses and three-fourths of the states. A majority of both houses can, if the President is friendly, repeal the Volstead act and increase the alcoholic content. This is the ADVERTISED intention, but as the Supreme Court would not permit the manufacture and sale of an INTOXICATING beverage, the real purpose is to prevent the ENFORCEMENT of the Volstead law. A wet majority in ONE house could shut off appropriations for enforcement and thus initiate a reign of lawlessness. That is the only victory the wets can hope to win. Are the friends of law and order willing to permit such a victory? It is time for every friend of prohibition to get to work.

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THE FORD OFFER

The country wants Henry Ford's offer accepted. He is the only bidder who is interested in the public—that is why Big Business opposes him. Ford's management of the proposition would expose the methods of the exploiters and awaken the people. Give Ford a chance.

CROOKS IN CIVIL SERVICE

A lot of crooks have been discovered in the registry department of the New York post office. They were men with criminal records who went in on purpose to rob the government. It will be necessary to add a new question to the list: "Are you a thief?" "Answer yes or no."

GOD—OR GORILLA

Mr. Alfred Watterson McCann, of New York, has written a very strong answer to Darwin's attacks on the Bible in a volume entitled "God—or Gorilla." It is a striking title, and his arguments are in keeping with the strength of the title. He presents the matter from every standpoint, quoting scientific truth to combat the guesses of so-called scientists. His indictment covers the entire ground and is fully sustained by his proofs in his arguments. The book is attracting wide attention and will be tremendously useful in uncovering the shallow pretenses of those who were connecting man with the jungle. I gladly commend it to believers in evolution as well as to believers in the Bible. It will open the eyes of the evolutionists and furnish new ammunition for those who believe that man was made in the image of God. The book is published by Devin-Adair Company, 437 Fifth Ave., New York.

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